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## ABOUT A COUNTRY CLUB

A country club for any city is a big undertaking, but the value of the organization to any community and its people justifies the expenditure of time and money for it. Columbia, as has been pointed out by several of its business men, is just at the stage where a club could be formed. The town and its people are ready for it. Any movement, to be a success, must have a leader. There should be in Columbia enough men interested in building for the city a club to meet and form a temporary organization, solicit membership, make the necessary arrangements for the completion of the plans and then make them permanent by incorporation.

An investigation of the workings of similar clubs in other small cities in Missouri and elsewhere would undoubtedly give to the interested persons in Columbia working plans for a local organization. The good features of these clubs could be emulated, and the mistakes which they have made avoided and profited by.

Country clubs, with their athletic and social features, are invaluable to the cities. The country is dotted with them. The number in Missouri is surprisingly large. Many have been formed, and they are operating successfully. The members wonder why they had not conceived of the idea long before the founding of their particular clubs. The failures in country clubs have been few, and those cities that have failed have built excellent organizations upon the experience gained in the failures. The nature of the clubs are such that when once formed they are indispensable.

## FIRE PREVENTION DAY

Monday, October 9, will be Fire Prevention day. Throughout the United States chiefs of fire departments and members of the Safety First Federation will give demonstrations of how to put out flames. Pamphlets containing fire prevention suggestions will be issued, and millions of persons will hear the estimate of William Guerin, head of the New York City Fire Prevention Bureau, that more than \$500,000,000 is sacrificed each year to carelessness in the United States.

In actual dollars and cents, Chief Kurtz has verified to Columbians Mr. Guerin's further statement that 73 per cent of all fires are due purely to carelessness.

Safety First!

## STUDENT SUNDAY

There is Easter Sunday, and then there is Student Sunday. On both days the student goes to church. On the one he invites himself; on the other he is invited. The first is directly connected with new spring clothes. It represents the spring festival. Every student, whether a church goer or not, becomes one then. For those who haven't been going the new Easter bonnet is the all-important thing, while to those who have formed the habit earlier other things are found more significant.

Now comes Student Sunday. No provision for new clothes is necessary. The old student comes back to his alma mater all bedecked in new fall clothes. The new student, too, is ready and waiting for this invitation to go to church. It comes at a time when it can be most appreciated. Homesick freshmen, domineering sophomores, wise juniors and dignified seniors respond and seek the church of their choice. Most of them go because they want to; a few because everyone else seems to be going. All know that they are really wanted.

Churches, like persons, sometimes get into the habit of taking too much for granted. Everyone knows there is a church which he may go to if he wants to. Yet he likes to feel

that the want is mutual. A new person in town may feel free to go to church uninvited, but he does not feel at liberty to take an active interest in its services. If the church is to fulfill its place as a social institution it must come half way and show to individuals, as the Columbia churches have done, that it wants and seeks their presence.

## DANGEROUS WEATHER

Beware of this, lie-in-bed-in-the-morning weather.

It is time to exercise a little self-assertion and prove yourself to be above such mundane things as physical discomfort.

You may rest assured that the world is chock-full of aspiring young persons who are on the alert for every opportunity to get ahead—who are anxious to prove their ability to the "man higher up."

Such persons do not lie in bed on cold mornings. And they are rapidly filling the places of those who do.

## GREECE AND GREASE

There is more talk nowadays about Greece with a capital G than about grease with a small g. The one which is getting so much consideration lies far across the seas, while the other which is being passed over so quickly lies very close to home. We are always tempted to go away from home for everything. There is a sort of instinct in this regard which is similar to turning down the home merchant for the mail-order house.

Many persons think they must be familiar with the paintings, pottery and even the diplomacy of Greece in order to be educated. We can display our culture just as well by cleaning up the grease and dirt about us as by studying about the doings of the classic country. Morals and health are of highest importance. It is time to descend from romanticism to realism—to a realization of the grease at home.

## The Open Column

A public forum for the discussion of things worth-while. Articles should be short and signed by the writer, as proof to the editor of good faith. Signatures will not necessarily be published.

## Too Much "Pep"

Editor The Missouriian: "Football, I guess, is my main course; anyway, that's why the coach sent me here," blustered the big freshman to the upperclassman who offered assistance in making out the new man's study card. The upperclassman, himself an athlete whose modest best had been done for "the good of the school," glanced at the raw representative from another state and saw the uselessness of a lecture on sportsmanlike conduct. The freshman passed on to proclaim to others that literature, science, mathematics and history are only tottering gates to the athletic field.

The University of Missouri has an enviable record for strictly amateur athletics. The bribes of athletic glory, popularity or student-labor

sinecures have seldom been the motive for the enrollment of athletes in the University. The honest desire to make more of themselves through study in various University courses is responsible for the presence in Columbia of most of the men who wear the "M."

It is this fact, easily ascertained from Varsity athletes, that makes inexcusable the raw statement of the freshman from another state on his first day in the University.

Three possible predictions concerning this man's college career may be made. Granting that the label on the name of Missouri sportsmanship was only frightened bravado or a freshman effort of emergence from the depths of unimportance, a few weeks may show the blusterer that school loyalty demands a more honest and modest presentation of one's claims to greatness. In such case his college course should proceed in the usual way, with football as an incident, not an aim.

If the statement were true, two possibilities remain. He may learn on the athletic field and in the classroom that the sentiment of the University of Missouri is against the professional amateur, the man whose business in University is to help win games. If he learns this lesson in time he will probably become one in the ranks of average students, saved by his natural wit or the good offices of friends for further prowess on the athletic field.

If he persists in the error of his ways, what then? Athletics, like all other super-curricular activities, has always its enemies within the University itself. The type of student—student by courtesy, class parasite actually—who degrades the University into a football field, is the worst enemy of athletics in the school and can do incalculable harm to the institution in both Missouri and other states. So impossible is it to apprehend the traitor to University ideals among his 3,000 associates that he may drift along for four years, with football as his main course and a bad name for the school as the chief result.

Why not add one more name to the long and ponderous cognomens of corrective societies? We suggest the Society for the Prevention of Undue Athletic Enthusiasm in Freshmen.—B. G.

## The New Books

## A Dominic's Log.

One of the wisest, most human, most delicious of the new books is "A Dominic's Log," by A. S. Neill. It is a bright story of a Scotch schoolmaster's life, full of humor and sound sense, with educational philosophy of a rare sort.

(Robert M. McBride & Co., Union Square, New York City; \$1.)

## Paul Super To Visit Here.

Paul Super, who is traveling secretary for the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., will visit the Columbia branch of the organization, October 29 and 30. He is recruiting men for the general secretaryship of Y. M. C. A. branches all over the country. From 1901 to 1904, Mr. Super was general secretary of the Columbia Y. M. C. A. He has been general secretary in Honolulu for ten years. Mr. Super was graduated from the University in 1904.

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## MY SON

I that had yearned for youth, my own, again,  
And mourned the wasted hours of younger days,  
I that had sighed for Spring, for Summer, when  
The snows of Winter covered all my ways—  
I that had prayed for years, for only one,  
Have found that prayer answered in my son.

He is myself again, with hopes of old,  
With old temptations and with old desires;  
He is myself again—the clay to mold  
Into the man, and all the man aspires.  
Who says that youth returns to us no more?  
He is as I was in the days of yore.

In my own days, in my own days of youth,  
Ah how I wished a comrade and a friend!—  
To help me keep the quiet path of truth  
And through temptation my own feet attend.  
So shall I journey onward by his side,  
His father—yea, his comrade and his guide.

I that have failed shall shape success in him,  
I that have wandered point the proper path,  
A signal when the signal lights are dim,  
A roof to fend him from the storms of wrath—  
So we shall journey upward, I and he,  
And he shall be the man I meant to be.  
—Douglas Malloch, in American Lumberman.

## NIGHT RIDERS IN MISSOURI

University Student Tells of Experience in Charlton County.

A night rider is generally considered as a type of desperado confined to the hills of Kentucky. But Missouri has these raiders. The experience of George E. Lawson, sophomore in the College of Arts and Science, discloses the fact that a community only fifty-five miles from Columbia has been the scene of their depredations.

Mr. Lawson comes from Forest Green, Charlton County, Missouri, which is the center of a tobacco growing community. Seven acres yielded his father, G. W. Lawhorn, 10,000 pounds of tobacco last year. It was while this crop was drying in three big sheds on the farm that the night riders came.

"One night last October six men on horseback appeared suddenly in Forest Green and set fire to a large factory containing 75,000 pounds of tobacco. Only \$5,000 of the tobacco was lost, however, as about 40,000 pounds were packed in hogsheads and stacked outside of the factory. The night riders started to carry out their threat to burn all the barns in the community. Two barns filled with tobacco were burned, and our three barns were

next in line when the riders turned off the main road towards another village.

"A posse was sent out in pursuit of the riders and caught a man after a long chase. A trial two weeks later showed that he had been used as a decoy by the real riders. He had been paid to let them arrest him and throw the posse off the trail. None of the real riders were ever caught. Threatening letters have since been received by several growers, however, and a careful watch is being kept against a repetition of the raids."

## 32 GIRLS TO WALK 500 MILES

Hiking Club Formed By Students at Christian College.

Thirty-two girls at Christian College have organized a walking club. It is called the Hiking Club. The members will try to make a season's record of 500 miles, exploring points of interest adjacent to Columbia. At least one member will carry a pedometer on each trip and an accurate record will be made of the number of miles covered. Miss Julia Groves and Miss Dorothy Bartholf are the faculty sponsors for the club.

## Christian College Notes

Mrs. Arlo Lyle of Kansas City is the week-end guest of her daughter, Miss Allen, at the college.

Miss Emma Peyton Hurt is spending the week-end at her home in Bunceton, Mo.

J. M. Neer of Cambridge, Kan., is visiting his daughter, Miss Margaret, at the college.

Miss Lillian Green is spending Sunday and Monday at her home in Sturgeon, Mo.

Mrs. Grace Lee Hutchinson of St. Louis is the guest of her daughter, Miss Betty Mae, for the week-end.

A group of college seniors gave a dinner party at Dean Hall's table Friday night in celebration of the birthday of one of the class. Miss Mary Hughes Damrell. A basket of red roses formed the centerpiece and the color scheme was red and green. The hostesses for the occasion were: Dean Elizabeth A. Hall, Misses Nada Wild, Pauline Wettstein, Sarah Morris, Nanette George, Marjorie Ball, Harriett Cravens.

## J. P. COLLINS HEADS LAWYERS

G. K. Teasdale a Close Second In Departmental Election.

John P. Collins of St. Louis, junior in the School of Law, was elected president of the department Friday afternoon on the second ballot. George K. Teasdale, also of St. Louis, ran a close second in the election.

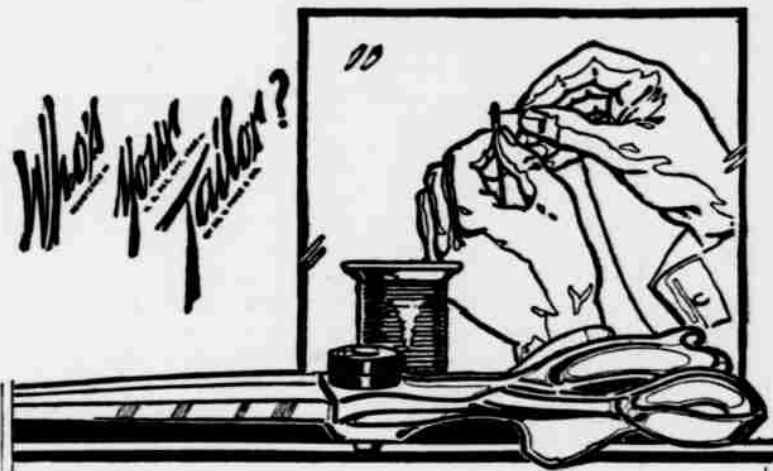
The election was the culmination of a hard political battle in which Teasdale, Roscoe Harper and Collins were the candidates. The result of the first ballot was: Collins 16, Teasdale 14, Harper 8, the last man being eliminated. The second ballot was: Collins 22, Teasdale 15.

## Dr. M. P. Ravenel to Lecture.

The first Monday Night Forum lecture under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. will be delivered to men tomorrow night by Dr. M. P. Ravenel in the University Auditorium. His subject will be "Sex Hygiene." Music will be furnished by Lloyd Thompson.

## Athenaeum Society Gives Smoker.

The Athenaeum Literary Society held a smoker for its twenty new members in Room 306, Academic Hall, yesterday evening. Talks were made by old members of the society and plans for the year's work in intercollegiate and inter-society debating were discussed.



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